

Defendant.

ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

The parties are directed to submit *ex parte* and **under seal** to Judge Sison a **SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT**, in the form attached hereto, **on or before August 15, 2023** setting forth, among other things, each party's position concerning factual issues, issues of law, damages or relief requested, and the party's settlement position and grounds therefor. Such settlement statement may be mailed to **Judge Gilbert C. Sison, U.S. Courthouse, 750 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois 62201**, in an envelope marked "**Confidential - Submitted Under Seal**," or if the parties prefer, they may submit their settlement statement to Judge Sison via his official proposed document e-mail address, which is **GCSpd@ilsd.uscourts.gov**, or they may fax it to him at **(618) 482-9195**. The settlement statement is **NOT** to be electronically or manually filed with the U.S. Clerk's Office as it is not part of the official court record. Neither the settlement statement nor the contents thereof shall be disclosed to any other party, and the same shall remain under seal to be opened only by the Court. Pertinent evidence to be offered at trial, documents or otherwise, should be brought to the settlement conference for presentation to the settlement judge if thought particularly relevant.

Neither the settlement conference statements nor communications during the settlement conference with the settlement judge can be used by either party in the trial of this case.

In addition to counsel who will try the case being present, the individual parties shall also be present, and in the case of corporate parties, associations or other entities, and insurance carriers, a representative executive with unrestricted authority to discuss, consider, propose and agree, or disagree, to any settlement proposal or offer shall also be present.

In the event settlement authority delegated to any defense representative appearing at the settlement conference has been set by a committee and such authority may not be unilaterally exceeded in any amount by the representative designated to attend the settlement conference, then the entire committee must be fully identified in the defense settlement statement (name, position, work address for each member) AND the entire committee or a quorum thereof empowered to enter into any agreement to settle the case MUST attend the settlement conference. Failure to follow this directive may result in a rescheduled settlement conference AND payment of attorney's fees, expenses and other costs incurred by any other party during preparation for the settlement conference and attendance at the conference. Additional sanctions, including default, may be appropriate.

IF ANY PARTY BELIEVES THAT A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WOULD BE FUTILE, THEN THAT PARTY SHALL CONTACT THE COURT NOT LATER THAN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 26, 2023

s/ Gilbert C. Sison
HON. GILBERT C. SISON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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Plaintiff(s),)	
vs.)	
)	CASE NO.
)	
Defendant(s).)	

SETTLEMENT STATEMENT OF _____, ATTORNEY FOR _____

This Settlement Statement is submitted *ex parte* pursuant to Order of the Court and shall not become a part of the official court file. Neither this statement nor communication during the settlement conference with the settlement judge can be used by any party in the trial of the case. This statement should not exceed five (5) pages in length.

Your position or interpretation of the factual issues:

Your position as to the issues of law:

Name of Trial Attorney:

Name of person(s) with ultimate settlement authority who will be present at the Settlement Conference. If insurance is involved, include name of carrier and name of its representative with unrestricted authority:

Nature of relief requested:

Nature and extent of injuries, if applicable:

Outline of your discovery plan including your estimate of the total number of depositions you expect to take:

Nature and extent of discovery completed to date:

Your estimate of the total expenses to your client to the present and through trial including (a) legal fees, (b) travel expenses, (c) expert witness fees and expenses, (d) cost of deposition transcripts, (e) witness fees, and (f) any other foreseeable miscellaneous expenses:

Summarize settlement discussions you have had with opposing party including demands and offers:

Date of last settlement discussion:

DATED:

Responsible Attorney